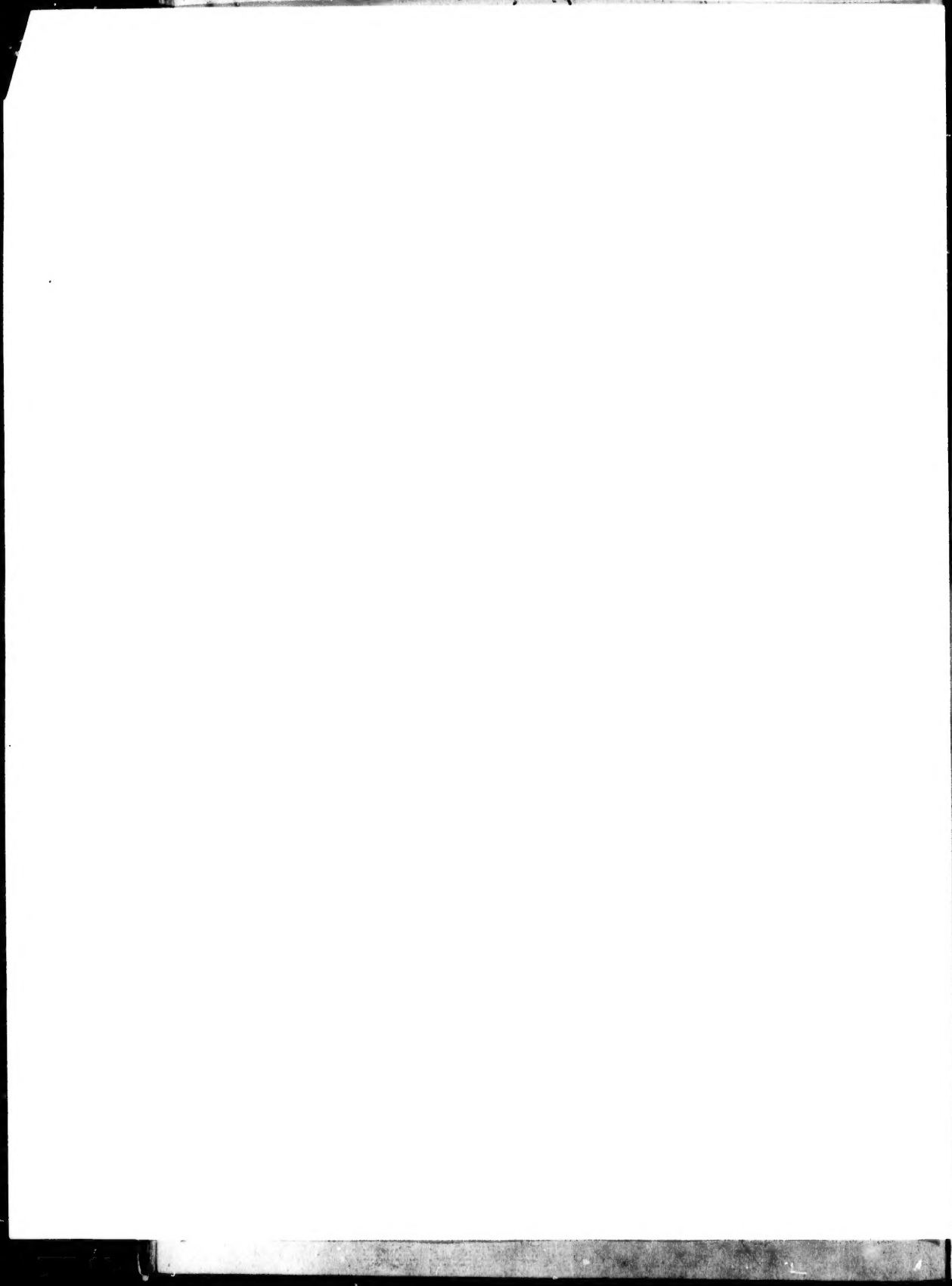




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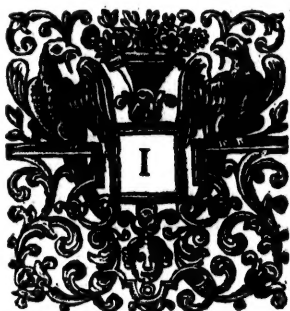


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SPEECH of the LORDS COMMISSIONERS
appointed by His MAJESTY, for holding this
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My Lords, and Gentlemen,



IN pursuance of the Authority given to us by His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, amongst other Things, to declare the Cause of His holding this Parliament, His Majesty has been graciously pleased to direct us to assure you, That He esteems Himself particularly happy, in being able to call you together in a Situation of Affairs, so glorious and advantageous to His Crown and Kingdoms.

His Majesty sees, and devoutly adores, the Hand of Providence in the many signal Successes, both by Sea and Land, with which His Arms have been blessed in the Course of the last Summer: And, at the same Time, His Majesty reflects, with much Satisfaction, on the Confidence which you placed in Him, by making such ample Provisions, and entrusting Him with such extensive Powers, for carrying on a War, which the Defence of our valuable Rights and Possessions, and the Preservation of the Navigation and Commerce of His Majesty's People, had made both just and necessary.

We have it also in Command from His Majesty to acquaint you, That the happy Progress of our Successes, from the Taking of *Goree*, on the Coast of *Africa*, to the Conquest of so many important Places in *America*, with the Defeat of the *French* Army in *Canada*, and the Reduction of their capital City of *Quebec*, effected with so much Honour to the Courage and Conduct of His Majesty's Officers both at Sea and Land, and with so great Lustre to His intrepid Forces; together with the important Success obtained by His Majesty's Fleet off *Cape Lagos*; and the effectual blocking up, for so many Months, the principal Part of the Navy of *France* in their own Ports; are Events, which must have filled the Hearts of all His Majesty's faithful Subjects, as well as His own, with the sincerest Joy: And, His Majesty trusts, will convince you, that there has been no Want of Vigilance or Vigour, on His Part, in exerting those Means, which you, with so much Prudence and public-spirited Zeal, put into His Majesty's Hands.

That our Advantages have extended farther; and the Divine Blessing has favoured us in the *East Indies*, where the dangerous Designs of His Majesty's Enemies have miscarried; and that valuable Branch of our Trade has receiv'd great Benefit and Protection.

That the memorable Victory gained over the *French* near *Minden* has long made a deep Impression on the Minds of His Majesty's People; and that, if the Crisis in which that Battle was fought, the superior Numbers of the Enemy, and the great and able Conduct of His Majesty's General, Prince *Ferdinand* of *Brunswick*, are considered, that Action must be the Subject of lasting Admiration and Thankfulness.

That if any thing could fill the Breasts of His Majesty's good Subjects with still farther Degrees of Exultation, it is the distinguished and unbroken Valour of His Majesty's Troops, owned and applauded by those whom they overcame. The glory they have gained is not merely their own; but, in a national View, is one of the most important Circumstances of our Success, as it must be a striking Admonition to our Enemies, with whom they have to contend.

That His Majesty's good Brother and Ally the King of *Prussia*, attacked and surrounded by so many considerable Powers, has, by his Magnanimity and Abilities, and the Bravery of his Troops, been able, in a surprising Manner, to prevent the Mischiefs concerted with such united Force against him.

His Majesty has farther commanded us to observe to you, That, as His Majesty entered into this War, not from Views of Ambition, so he does not wish to continue it from Motives of Repentment. The Desire of His Majesty's Heart is, to see a Stop put to the Effusion of Christian Blood. Whenever such Terms of Peace can be established, as shall be just and honourable for His Majesty and His Allies, and by procuring such Advantages, as, from the Successes of His Majesty's Arms, may, in Reason and Equity, be expected, shall bring along with them full Security for the future; His Majesty will rejoice to see the Repose of *Europe* restored on such solid and durable Foundations, and His faithful Subjects, to whose liberal Support and unshaken Firmness His Majesty owes so much, happy in the Enjoyment of the Blessings of Peace and Tranquillity. But, in order to this great and desirable End, His Majesty is confident you will agree with Him, that it is necessary to make ample Provision for carrying on the War, in all Parts, with the utmost Vigour.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

We are commanded by His Majesty to assure you, That the great Supplies, which were given the last Session, have been faithfully employed for the Purposes for which they were granted; but the uncommon Extent of this War, and the various Services necessary to be provided for, in order to secure Success to His Majesty's Measures, have unavoidably occasioned extraordinary Expenses, an Account of which will be laid before you.

His Majesty has also ordered the proper Estimates for the Service of the ensuing Year to be prepared and laid before you; and His Majesty desires you to grant Him such Supplies, as shall be necessary to sustain and press, with Effect, all our extensive Operations against the Enemy; and, at the same Time, by the Blessing of God, to repel and frustrate their daring Designs against His Majesty's Kingdoms.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

His Majesty has, in the last Place, been graciously pleased to command us to repeat to you the Assurances of the high Satisfaction His Majesty takes in that Union and good Harmony, which is so conspicuous amongst His faithful Subjects; happy in seeing it continued and confirmed; and to observe to you, that Experience has shewn, how much we all owe to it; and that nothing else can effectually secure the true Happiness of His People.

